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SUBJ: UNCTAD: IGG ON LEAST DEVELOPED - SUDAN STATEMENT

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1. CHARGE WAS SUMMONED TO FOREIGN OFFICE AUGUST 2 BY ACTING UNDER SECRETARY HASSAN EL AMIN EL BASHIR TO DISCUSS UNCTAD STATEMENT BY SUDANESE DELEGATE FADL IDRIS (AS WELL AS ANOTHER SUBJECT REPORTED SEPARATELY).

2. EL BASHIR REPEATED IN SUBSTANCE WHAT DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT HAD TOLD CHARGE ON JULY 30. HE SAID THAT FADL IDRIS, A MINISTRY OF FINANCE EMPLOYEE WHO HAD GONE TO GENEVA DIRECTLY FROM LONDON, SPOKE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS: HE WAS SPEAKING NEITHER FOR GOS NOR GROUP OF 77. EL BASHIR ADDED THAT SUDANESE MISSION IN GENEVA WAS TEMPORARILY WITHOUT AN AMBASSADOR AND THAT THEREFORE NO SENIOR OFFICIAL WAS ON HAND TO REIN IN FADL IDRIS. ACTING UNDER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECRETARY EXPRESSED HIS AND HIS GOVERNMENT'S REGRETS,

WHICH HE SAID WERE FULLY SHARED BY FOREIGN MINISTER JAMAL MOHAMMED AHMED WITH WHOM HE HAD CONFERRED ON THE MINISTER'S RETURN FROM KAMPALA THAT MORNING. EL BASHIR ASSURED CHARGE THAT SUDAN VIEWS UNCTAD WORK SERIOUSLY AND IS ANXIOUS TO COOPERATE IN EVERY WAY IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES.

3. CHARGE THANKED EL BASHIR AND SAID HE WOULD REPORT LATTER'S REMARKS TO WASHINGTON AND GENEVA. WHEN CHARGE ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF SOME OFFICIAL CLARIFICATION COULD BE MADE IN GENEVA, EL BASHIR SAID HE HAD NOT YET SEEN THE TEXT OF FADL IDRIS'S STATEMENT OR A FULL REPORT ON THE EXACT CONTEXT IN WHICH STATEMENT WAS MADE; HE WOULD THEREFORE WANT TO EXAMINE THE MATTER FURTHER BEFORE DECIDING WHAT SHOULD BE DONE. (EL BASHIR DID NOT RESPOND TO CHARGE'S OFFER OF TEXT.) IN ANY CASE, SAID ACTING UNDER SECRETARY, HE HAD NOW OFFICIALLY INFORMED CHARGE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND EXPRESSED GOS REGRETS.

COMMENT: IT IS QUITE OBVIOUS THAT THE FADL IDRIS INCIDENT WAS HIGHLY EMBARRASSING TO GOS, WHICH WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO PUT MATTER BEHIND US. IN VIEW OF EXPLANATION OFFERED BY ACTING UNDER SECRETARY (WHO WAS SENIOR FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL AT WORK ON DAY OF MEETING WITH CHARGE), WE WOULD HOPE THAT ISSUE CAN NOW BE DEFUSED IN GENEVA WITHOUT ANY FURTHER ACTION ON THE PART OF SUDANESE.
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